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Wylie Police Hosting Hot Dogs for a Dog Event

Funds to Help Purchase New K9 Unit

Wylie, TX, March 3, 2015 – Wylie Police Department is holding a Hot Dog for a Dog Event Saturday, April 4, from 10 am to 5 pm, at the Wylie Walmart Supercenter, 2050 N. Hwy. 78. Donations and proceeds from hot dog sales will go toward the purchase of a Wylie K9 police dog. Wylie police vehicles, including the Hummer and Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP), will be on display, and there will be kids' activities including a bounce house and face painting.

K9 units are used to locate illegal narcotics, conduct building searches, track and apprehend fleeing suspects and assist in search-and-rescue efforts. The department's K9 Patrol Caro was forced to retire for medical reasons in 2014, and Officer Richard Chambers, K9 handler, said his valuable contribution to the department is missed. The cost for a new canine is approximately \$30,000, which includes cost of the dog, training, kennel, K9 vehicle updates and replacing old training equipment.

For more information, contact Officer Angie McIntosh at angie.mcintosh@wylietexas.gov.

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About Wylie – Incorporated in 1887, the City of Wylie is located just 24 miles from downtown Dallas in Collin, Dallas and Rockwall counties. Possessing an outstanding school district, a low crime rate, an ISO #1 rating and an expanding business climate, Wylie (population 44,938) is one of the fastest-growing communities in the state of Texas with a 197-percent increase since 2000.